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SUBJECT: U.S. PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CLAIMS AGAINST SYRIA

1. IN PREPARATION FOR COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SARG ON U.S. PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CLAIMS, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY IN OBTAINING TEXTS OF THE FOLLOWING SYRIAN LAWS, DECREES AND REGULATIONS (WITH AMENDMENTS, IF ANY, AND ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS) RELATING TO OIL CONCESSIONS, AND TRANSMITTING THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO WASHINGTON (L/C):

- (A) MINING LAW NO. 7 OF DECEMBER 21, 1953;
- (B) REGULATIONS IN DECREE NO. 294 OF JANUARY 30, 1954;
- (C) ARTICLE 34 OF THE SYRIAN CONSTITUTION OF 1953;

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- (D) PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1493 OF MAY 13 OR 17, 1955, GRANTING MENHALL PROSPECTING PERMITS;
- (E) DECREE NO. 1173 OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1958, CANCELING MENHALL PROSPECTING PERMITS;
- (F) DECREE LAW NO. 133 OF DECEMBER 22 OR 24, 1964,

PROHIBITING GRANTS OF PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS TO FOREIGN COMPANIES;

(G) SYRIAN CIVIL CODE, ARTICLE 180;

(H) LAW NO. 66 OF 1953 AND LAW NO. 98 OF 1959 PERTAINING TO MINING LEASES.

2. IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY MATERIAL WHICH WOULD MORE FULLY INFORM DEPARTMENT ON SYSTEM OF SYRIAN OIL CONCESSIONS.

3. IF PRACTICAL, PLEASE ALSO OBTAIN COPY OF JUDGMENT OF CIVIL COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE DISMISSING CLAIM OF MENHALL OR HIS HEIRS FOR COMPENSATION FOR CANCELLATION OF PROSPECTING PERMITS AND SEIZURE OF EQUIPMENT. DATE OF THIS JUDGMENT IS NOT KNOWN. CASE NUMBER ON APPEAL TO CIVIL COURT, COURT OF APPEAL IS 605/1973. LAWYER FOR MENHALL IS MOUKARRAM KOUATLY, SAADALLAH JABIRY STREET, AWKAF BUILDING, DAMASCUS. EMBASSY MAY REQUEST APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE FROM HIM.

4. RECEIPT OF FOREGOING IF POSSIBLE BY MAY 31 WOULD ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN EVALUATION OF ARCO CLAIM WHICH WAS DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR MURPHY IN DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 18.

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